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Proclamation

Executive Office.
Boise City I. T. Oct 14 A. D. 1871.

Citizens of Idaho:

The City of Chicago, one of the youngest and most prosperous on the American Continent, and with whose people we have long enjoyed the friendly intercourse of commercial unity, is now in ruins. From a condition of opulence, healthy progress and people's happiness, she has now ~~reached~~ ^{fallen} to that of unparalleled desolation.

Some three and hundred thousand of her people have, through the dire calamity by which she has been visited, been made homeless and penniless. The fiery gale, which God, in his divine wisdom permitted to destroy the city, seemed to have consumed and swept away every obstacle placed in the path of its heated vengeance. The young and old, the helpless of both sexes appeal to us for help. The famished cry of hunger and nakedness can not be ignored. Let the people of Idaho contribute their mite to aid the suffering and unfortunates. Let the response be quick, and as liberal as our means will justify. That time may be ^{saved} and action at once be instituted. I do hereby recommend that the people of the whole Territory, and more particularly the people of Boise, Idaho and Silver City, hold mass meetings and make their contributions without delay, and under such regulations, as the sense of the people may determine.

E. J. Curtis,
Acting Governor of Idaho

Proclamation for Thanksgiving

Let it be remembered that, in this the Ninety-Sixth year of the Independence of the United States, the people thereof, acknowledging the Glory of God, cheerfully endorse the wisdom of that custom which designates one day in each year of the Nation's life, as a National Day of Thanksgiving and Prayer; Therefore, in conformity with the ancient obedience to the Proclamations of the President of the Republic, I do hereby recommend to the People of Idaho Territory, that

Thursday, the 30th day of November be observed as a special day, in which all should repair to their respective places of worship, and return their thanks to Almighty God for preserving us as a Free Nation; for the blessings secured through a firm, honest and enlightened administration of the Government, and for that protection to life and property so faithfully rendered, and guarded in every section of the land.

The steady progress of our great National resources; the high and consistent aim of the Administration in elevating labor, protecting the honest, credit and integrity of the country, while diminishing the burden of taxation, are matters for congratulation by the people.

A deep and sincere sympathy prevails in the hearts of all good citizens, in the Old as well as the New World, for the people of those portions of our country who have experienced the sad visitations of the infernal elements, more magnanimously should on the prompt and voluntary aid extended to the distressed and needy. And whilst offering up our grateful thanks for the health, progress and general prosperity we have realized as a people, let us unite in petitioning the Ruler of our destinies for a continuance of His benign blessings. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set

my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the Territory of Idaho. Done at Boise City, Idaho this Eighth Day of November A. D. 1875. *Arthur*

Ulysses S. Grant

President of the United States of America,

To All who shall see These Presents Creating:

Know Ye: That reposing special trust and confidence in the Integrity and Ability of Thomas W. Bennett of Indiana, I do appoint him to be Governor of the Territory of Idaho; And do authorize and empower him to execute and fulfil the duties of that Office according to law, and to have and to hold the said Office with all the powers, privileges and emoluments thereunto of right appertaining, unto him, the said Thomas W. Bennett, until the end of the next Session of the Senate of the United States, and no longer; subject to the conditions prescribed by law.

In Testimony whereof I have caused these Letters to be made patent and the Seal of the United States to be hereunto Affixed.

Given Under my hand, at the City of Washington, the Twentieth day of October, in the Year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred, and seventy one, and of the Independence of the United States, of America the Ninety-seventh.

U. S. Grant

By the President
Hamilton Fish
Secretary of State.

Seal
W. S. Grant